

EARLY HISTORY OF REPUBLICAN PARTY

Chicago, Ill., May 24.—In assembling at Chicago in June the republican national convention will be sitting in the section where the republican party was first named and within 200 miles of where the first recorded republican meeting was held 66 years ago. The approach of the convention recalls this early history, though with the passing of the years and the development of new issues the first steps of the party have passed from common view.

"It will probably not be possible to trace to the earliest date the first positive meeting which led to the formation of the new party," writes Francis Curtis, in his history of the republican party. "It is quite likely that there was no considerable gathering of men, nor discussion of plans and policies, until Mr. A. E. Bovey, a whig of Ripon, Wis., together with a Mr. Bowen, a democrat, and a Mr. Baker, a free-soiler, issued a call for a public meeting to consider the new alarming situation."

The great issue of the hour was the extension of slavery. Of the political situation preface the formation of the republican party, Mr. Curtis says, "No political party was able to elect enough members of congress to override the united will of the slaveholders, and until the anti-slavery sentiment of the north should be so welded together, and its exponents should be so united in one party as to be able to send to Washington enough men to outvote the representatives of the slave power, there was no hope that its advance could be checked."

Reference was made to the Ripon meeting by Henry Wilson, when president of the United States in his book "Rise and Fall of the Slave Power," published in 1874. "One of the earliest, if not the earliest, of the movements," he said, "that contemplated the overthrow of the old party organization in the United States was the formation of a new party in Ripon, Fond du Lac County, Wis., in the early months of 1854, in consequence of a very thorough canvass, conference, and general comparison of views inaugurated by A. E. Bovey, a prominent member of the whig party, among the whigs, free soilers, and democrats of that town. A call was issued for a public meeting to consider the grave issues which were assuming an aspect of such alarming proportions."

The meeting thus called, wrote Charles M. Harvey in the *Chautauquan*, September, 1897, "was held in the Congregational church at Ripon February 23, 1854. A resolution was adopted in the meeting that if the bill then pending in the senate to throw open to slavery the territories of Kansas and Nebraska should pass, the old party organization in Ripon should be cast off, and a new party, to be called the republican, formed on the sole issue of opposition to slavery extension."

"The bill passed the senate, in which body it originated, on March 3, 1854, and on March 29, the second meeting, participated in by men of all parties, was held, this time in a schoolhouse, at which Bovey was the leading spirit."

"By a vote of the assemblage, the town committees of the whig and free soil parties were dissolved, and a com-

mittee of five, three whigs, one democrat and one free-soiler, was chosen to begin the task of forming a new party.

"At these two meetings was started the earliest systematic work begun anywhere in the country to bring about the coalition of the enemies of slavery extension, who were eventually fused into a homogeneous and aggressive party adopting the name Republican."

Mr. Harvey quoted a letter Bovey later wrote to him about this meeting, in which he said:

"I went from house to house and from shop to shop and halted men on the streets to get their names for the meeting of March 30, 1854. At that time there were not more than a hundred voters in Ripon, and by a vast deal of earnest talking I obtained 52 of them. . . . We went into a little meeting, whigs, free soilers, and democrats. We came out of it republicans and we were the first republicans in the Union. . . . I had one great advantage in this work. I was an intimate friend of Horace Greeley's and he would always listen to me on political matters. . . . He did not always assent to my propositions, but in the end he did to most of them, and he did to this one after a good deal of nagging. It was not one letter that I wrote to him, but many, before he displayed the republican flag in his Tribune's columns."

Mr. Harvey, in his article quoted in Mr. Curtis' book, concludes:

"It is not claimed here that Bovey is the creator of the republican party. The spirit was active in 1854, in every village and city in the free states, which would have created that party even if Bovey and Greeley had never been born. Bovey, however, was the first person who set out in a resolute, persistent, and practical way to form the party; he was the first to suggest the name, and Greeley, through his paper, which had the largest circulation and influence of any journal in the country at that time, gave his valuable aid in making the party project and name known to the country."

The first national republican convention was held in Philadelphia two years later.

CENTRAL VILLAGE

Fred Faucher was a recent visitor in Providence.

Miss Miriam Chapman has been ill at her home.

The burial service for Mrs. Henry Card was held at Evergreen cemetery Tuesday morning. Rev. William Darby, pastor of the Methodist church in Mooseup, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett and Mrs. Copeland of Providence attended the service.

Commissioner Urquell LaFrance has returned from a trip to Michigan, driving back a new truck to be used in his business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McShane of Mooseup visited at John Graham's Sunday.

Mrs. George Gadhols, who has been spending the winter out of town, has been at her home for a few days.

Mrs. Foster Burgess was a Norwich visitor Thursday.

Charles Bragg, superintendent of the Central Worsted company, has been elected vice president of the Eastern Connecticut Manufacturers' association.

Mrs. Frank Preston of Danielson was a visitor here Friday.

Lucy Webb Hayes circle of Ladies of the G. A. R. held their May meeting at Mrs. George R. Haven's.

Mrs. Julia Richmond and daughter Mildred have returned from Norwich, where Miss Mildred underwent a minor

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hest have moved from 33 Erie to one of William Simmons' apartments on Main street.

Mrs. Caleb Bishop and Miss Fannie Bishop of South Plainfield were Friday visitors here, where they formerly lived.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gear of Norwich has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Fred W. Tillinghast.

The Central worsted mill was closed for the day Saturday.

Mrs. O'Connell Seguin who is employed in Providence, has been spending a few days at her home.

Charles Collins has moved from Kenosha City to his new home at the Huntington place, on the Green Hollow road. Mrs. Huntington, who recently sold the house, has moved with his family to Wakefield, R. I., where they will run a lodging house.

Mrs. William Carpenter has been entertaining her granddaughter and grandson from Denville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker of Putnam and Miss Marjorie Baker of Worcester spent Sunday with Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Ellen Torrey, and other relatives.

At the auction held at the home of the late Miss Frances Watson the home, which has been in the Watson family for many years, was sold to Guilford Dyer, who owns adjoining property.

Mrs. David Boudry of Plainfield visited local relatives Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Lafave is entertaining her sister from Wisconsin.

Miss Evelyn Graves, who is employed at Goodyear, was at her home here Sunday.

RENEW STATE NEWS

Bristol.—Local schools call for about 130 teachers, and the board is short at present nine teachers.

Norfolk.—The first joint rehearsal of the Litchfield County Choral union was held at the Music shed last week.

Cheshire.—Mr. and Mrs. John M. Krumm of North Cheshire celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday, May 23.

Rockville.—The Union Congregational church communion for \$15.00 was held Sunday under the auspices of the Men's union of the church.

Torrington.—Senator John N. Brooks of Torrington has announced formally that he is in the race for the republican nomination for governor.

Hartford.—Miss Lois Angell, daughter of Dr. Augustus Angell of Vernon street, and Wilfred Delamater of Arlington, N. Y., will be married June 12.

Middletown.—Graduation exercises were held last week at the Connecticut industrial school for girls in this city. Fifteen girls were graduated from the eighth grade and presented diplomas.

Winsted.—A poultryman living near Highland Lake has a flock of hens which lay eggs having a wintergreen flavor. The hens have had access to large beds of wintergreen for the past month and have been feeding on the red berries.

New Haven.—Mrs. Edward P. O'Meara (Helen Sheehan), wife of former Judge O'Meara, died Friday evening at her home, 50 Huntington street, after an illness of six months with septic endocarditis, a rare malady affecting the heart.

Portland.—Plans have been approved and contracts let for the construction of a new cupola at the plant of the Portland Foundry company. The new building will be of brick and concrete, two stories in height. The dimensions are 40x50 feet.

Hartford.—Former Alderman James H. Dillon of the Sixth ward, now a resident of Cold Water, Mich., will marry Wednesday, June 9, Miss Irene Keefe of Waterbury. The ceremony will be performed

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New Haven.—Dr. Estelle Glampol medical examination of the Boston dispensary, born in Italy and educated in America, has been chosen from a large number of applicants to be the medical director in charge of the New Haven health center for wards 5, 6 and 7.

Danbury.—There are in attendance at the trade school at this date regular day boys 56, rehabilitated soldiers 3, making a total of 65 who are attending the school 44 hours per week. There are 144 grade boys and 18 high school seniors receiving instruction at the trade school, total attending 245.

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